ACT 21 — UNDERGROUND

YOU REALLY DID THAT HUGE GUY IN WITH ONE BLOW.

WHEW...

I BET THE WINNER OF THIS BATTLE... WILL BE... YOU...

EHEHEH... MING-XIA ...

THANK YOU, MISTER... FOR MAKING ME RE-MEMBER THAT...

SO THAT'S THE "ART" YOUR FATHER LEFT YOU...

WHEN YOU SLAM "KI" FROM CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS INTO AUTOMATA, THE LIQUID IN THEIR BODY GOES CRAZY.

HUH...? WHERE'S TOM?

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THEN... I WIN... THE GAMBLE...

OH... THAT WAS NOTHING.

SHUT UP, WILL YA?!

IN A WAY BETTER SHAPE... THAN ME...

THEY WERE ALL...

...TOM?

THESE CHILDREN... THEY GOT ALONG WITH NARUMI...

NARUMI... GOT SO ANGRY FOR OUR SAKE...

ONE DAY... THEY SUDDENLY STOPPED THINKING... AND THEN... WERE BROUGHT HERE...

NARUMI DIDN'T CARE IF HE BECAME A DEMON...

BECAUSE OF IT,

LE'D

...PEOPLE... DO CHANGE...

RIGHT AFTER COMING HERE... HE MET WITH ME...

I... UNDERSTAND HIS FEEL-INGS...

I GUESS THIS IS THE BUILDING...

HAS NARUMI SUCCESSFULLY MET WITH MING-XIA!?

HMPH, THAT WORTHLESS DOLL TOOK A BIT OF MY TIME.

AGE MIGHT BE GETTING TO ME

NARUMI...

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GOOD GRIEF, YOU SURE ARE SLOW...

YOU'RE CALLING ME SLOW?! IT'S BEEN LESS THAN 15 MINUTES SINCE I SEPARATED FROM YOU!!

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SOMETIMES BEING STRAIGHT-FORWARD ABOUT WHAT I'M THINKING LEAVES A BITTER TASTE IN MY MOUTH...

BIG SIS' CLOTHES WERE LAYING ON THE FLOOR AND THE ELEVATOR DOOR WAS BROKEN...

I WAS TRYING TO GO DOWN!

THE CHILDREN I WAS LOOKING AFTER CAME DOWN HERE ONE AFTER THE OTHER... AND NEVER RETURNED...

YEAH... DURING THE LAST TIME.

YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.

MAKE THAT FUNNY FACE AGAIN...

I'LL GIVE YOU HARRY.

NARUMI, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.

DAMN IT... IF ONLY I'D MADE THAT WOMAN SPILL THE WAY TO CURE THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME FASTER...

THE WORLD WOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS...

...I'LL SAVE THOSE CHILD-REN...

NO MATTER WHAT...

YEAH... BUT BIG SIS IS PRETTY TOUGH...

I'M WORRIED ABOUT MING-XIA...

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BIG SIS, TOM, HOUAN-SAN!!

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YOU THREE LOOK FINE. WHERE'S THE ENEMY?

THAT MISSY GOT HIM IN ONE BLOW!

IT WENT "BAM"

MING-HAI! GUY!!

ROOKIE!

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MING-HAI, YOU'RE LATE!

MING-HAI...?

THE ZONA-PHA SYN-DROME... IS SO CRUEL ...

AH... BIG SIS, SORRY... ARE YOU HURT?

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I WOULD LOVE TO, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION. WE NEED TO FIND THE RESEARCH LEADER, DR. BERNHARDT...

LET'S GET TO IT ALREADY AND HEAL THESE CHILDREN!

GUY, WEREN'T WE HERE TO PROTECT THE MACHINE THAT STOPS THIS DISEASE?!

WHAT KIND OF MACHINE IS IT?

Y... YEAH.

OH, RIGHT, HEY TOM, YOU SAID IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT MACHINE YOU'D BE LYING HERE...

BUT I'VE BEEN TOLD IT CAN DRIVE AWAY ZONAPHA INSECTS WITHIN A RADIUS OF 50 METERS ONCE IT'S COMPLET-ED...

OH... SO WE CAN'T BRING IT HERE...

IT'S A BIG MACHINE... DOCTOR MADE IT IN A HURRY...

I WAS THE FIRST CHILD TO EXPERIMENT IT...

ONCE THIS MACHINE CLEARS A HUMAN BODY FROM THE ZONAPHA INSECTS,

THEY CAN NEVER ENTER THE BODY AGAIN.

TOM, ASIDE FROM THAT, THIS MACHINE WORKS ON THE LEARNING MEMORY OF THE ZONAPHA INSECTS...

THIS MACHINE IS HUMANITY'S HOPE!

YES!!

THEN, WE CAN HEAL EVERY-ONE...

AMAZING... THIS IS AMAZING, DR. BERN-HARDT...

...THAT MAN ENTRUS-TED TO US.

IT'S THE NAME OF THE TEDDY BEAR...

IT DOES. WE CALL IT "HARRY."

AND DOES IT HAVE A NAME?

LET'S GO, GUY.

WE CAN'T JUST STAY HERE AFTER KNOWING THAT!!

OH, SO IF WE PROTECT THAT "HARRY" MACHINE, WE CAN CURE EVERYBODY!

LET'S GO, NARUMI... ...WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YEAH...!! WE NEED TO HELP THEM FAST...

TOM, BERNHARDT AND THE OTHERS BARRICADED THEMSELVES IN A DISTANT WARD, RIGHT ...?

.....NARUMI... DID YOU SAY DOLL FRANCINE?

DAMN YOU, DOLL FRANCINE ...

NOTHING... I'M COMING.

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BESIDES... EVEN THOUGH SHE MADE SO MANY HUMANS SUFFER FROM THIS DISEASE...

SHE STILL HAD AN INTEREST IN CHILD-BIRTH OF ALL THINGS...

YEAH, WHAT ABOUT IT?

SHE'S THE REASON WHY THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME WAS BORN!!

PLANNING TO GIVE BIRTH TO A BABY!!

AND,

SHE PUR-POSELY REINCAR-NATED IN A HUMAN,

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, GUY...?

NARUMI... SHE...

ELEO-NORE...

THAT'S RIGHT. SHE CLAIMED TO BE A SHIROGANE... THE LEADER OF THE ENEMY MIXED HERSELF INTO THE SHIROGANE, MAKING A FOOL OF ALL OF US!!

THAT REINCAR-NATED DOLL FRANCINE IS MAKING FUN OF US...

I'LL MAKE SURE TO CRUSH THE HELL OUT OF HER!!

I'VE LEFT HER OFF THE HOOK SO FAR BECAUSE I HEARD SHE KNOWS HOW TO STOP THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME!!

LET ME DO IT, GUY...

I DON'T NEED TO HEAR ANYTHING ELSE FROM THAT WOMAN!!

BUT NOW THAT WE HAVE THAT "HARRY" MACHINE...

DOLL FRANCINE DIDN'T REINCAR-NATE AS A HUMAN.

WHAT'S THE MAT-TER, YOU TWO? LET'S GO!

NARU-MI...

WHAT DID YOU SAY,

GUY?!

AH?

AND AS A RESULT, SHE DISSOLVED IN THE AQUA VITAE, WHICH GOT INSIDE ELEONORE...

I WAS DURING THAT TIME IN THE MEIJI ERA, THERE WITH DOLL FRANCINE.

SHE ACTED PURELY OUT OF A DESIRE TO PROTECT THE YOUNG ELEONORE...

AND SO, THE HUMAN ELEONORE IS INNOCENT!!

ELEONORE WAS JUST AN INNOCENT BABY WHO GOT DRAGGED INTO A CRUEL FATE BY CHANCE...

THERE'S NO NEED TO DESTROY HER!!

NARUMI ...

SO I SHOULD JUST LEAVE HER BE...

ELEONORE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG...

.....I SEE.

C'MON, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HURRY UP!

HUH?! GUY!

WHAT KIND OF HALF-ASSED BULLSHIT ARE YOU SAYING!!?

HUH?! LOOK AT THEM!!

LOOK AT THESE CHILD-REN!!

WAI... WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MING-HAI?!

WRONG OR NOT, THAT WON'T CHANGE THEIR SUFFERING!! SHE MUST PAY FOR HER SINS!!

TELL THAT TO THEM!! THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME TOOK AWAY THEIR PARENTS, SMILES, AND FUN...

TELL THEM!!

NARUMI... I SHOULD'VE KNOWN...

SO IT REALLY IS USELESS...

THE DEGREE OF YOUR ANGER...